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**TAX-PAYERS AND TAX-EATERS.**  
The war between capital and labor grows in magnitude with each succeeding day. Capital, armed and equipped, moves steadily on in its aggressions and oppressions. Labor is organizing for the fight, and soon two hostile armies will be confronting each other, animated by as much hate as once animated between the North and South. Terrible will be the conflict, for starving labor will fight with the desperation of despair and capital is entrenched behind breastworks which can only be taken by storm. This conflict threatens the permanency of our institutions. But the patriot and the philanthropist does not despair of the republic. The statesmanship which has guided the ship of state through so many tempestuous seas will surely prove itself adequate to the task of adjusting the difficulties between the hostile forces. The war between capital and labor has been supplemented by another, which, if not so portentous of dire consequences, will be managed with equal determination. We allude to the contest between the tax-payers and the tax-eaters. In every part of the country the tax-eaters are entrenched behind their impregnable bulwarks and the tax-payers are organizing for resistance. The tax-eaters ruled and ruined Memphis. Forbearance finally ceased to be a virtue and the tax-payers rose in their majesty and rescued the city from the robbers and plunderers. There are cities in every State of the Union going through the same ordeal from which Memphis triumphantly emerged. The people of the beleaguered cities are holding meetings and organizing, not only for protection, but to exterminate the tax-eating robbers. After years of patient endurance they are demanding reform and devising new systems of municipal government. The success of Memphis, which by taking the city out of the hands of the tax-eaters and placing it under the management of the tax-payers of the Taxing District, thereby enabling it to emerge from bankruptcy into the new sunlight of prosperity, has attracted the attention of the whole country, and almost every day there are applications from other cities for the law chartering the Taxing District. A better form of government could not be devised. The people of Pittsburgh, Pa., are preparing to fight the organized tax-eaters. The Ital question of honest municipal government has aroused the people of Evansville, Ind., and even the literary club of that city is discussing the matter in able and learned ways. Everywhere the issue is broadly made and well defined. The tax-payer believes that he should pay taxes to support the city government, and the tax-eater believes that the government should support them. There seems to be a prevailing determination in all the cities plundered by the tax-eaters to create a general law and fix at a certain definite and reasonable rate the amount of taxation beyond which the city council should not be allowed to go under any pretext whatever, under no consideration should a surplus be created in the treasury, for a surplus always attracts the tax-eaters, as the carcass draws the vulture. Every section and in every State of the Union a death struggle has been inaugurated between the tax-payers and the plunderers will be waged, just as they were in Memphis.

**GREECE AND THE BALKANS.**  
Comparatively little has been heard the Balkan troubles of late, but the has been smoldering, not dying. As the APPEAL has kept its readers informed, Greece has been actively engaged in support the strong claims it makes to a restoration of territory, restoration profoundly interfered with by the proposed consolidation of Bulgaria. The powers concerned in the Berlin treaty are exerting all their influence to induce Greece to acquiesce in events she has shaped themselves, but Greece has long learned through experience only ends in her claims being neglected, and the grand since Parliament met, and the grand rallying speech he made there, have brought his old supporters full of enthusiasm about him, and the new Parliament will ardently support him. There is a little of the comic among the coming and consequent incidents. The Queen read her speech to Parliament the other day, and it was full of what the Tories intended to do, which lady had to say she meant to do. "My ministers," "my army," "my ambassadors" were her agents to carry out Tory projects. When the new Parliament meets a Queen's speech will have to be made again. We may be pretty sure the Queen will not read that speech in person as she did the last; for "my policy," "the measures my ministers will lay before you," and "my unalterable resolution" about Ireland, will have an odor about them very different in the favor to the late Tory utterance from the throne. The contrast of the two Queen's speeches, with their lordly use of the possessive pronoun, will be farcical enough, and should help to show the English that, as their old countess told them, "Majesty deprived of its external—

many would not be sorry to see Austria extending her power over Serbia and down to the sea at Salonica. Such an extension might give opportunity, some day, to push the Austrian government bodily into those regions, and make German Austria altogether German, an integral portion of the great German empire. As to Russia, its greedy eyes are ever fixed with covetous glance upon Constantinople. Trouble in the Balkans, division among the provinces there, and anything that disturbs or weakens the Turkish power, are all events which may conduce to the accomplishment of Russian schemes. In the performance now going on in the Balkans, Serbia and Bulgaria are, for a time, losing their prominence, and now Greece is the principal figure in the scene. What may occur in connection with her bold and aggressive policy, and her intended contests with the Turkish navy, may create a crisis that all the civilized world will watch with the profoundest interest; and who, except cold-blooded European politicians and concoctors of protocols, can help exclaiming—may succeed with Greece!

**RAILROADS AND COMING PROSPERITY.**

The depression that has so much troubled us began with the great reduction of the railroad building that had gone on until the lines were rather over than under the wants of the public. Among other signs of returning prosperity we find to-day a revival of the call for more railroads. The newspaper reader finds in almost every part of the Union calls upon capitalists to build a road in one place or extend one in another, and here and there meetings are held to call attention to the pressing need for a railroad in some direction or other, and schemes of projected roads are continually announced or advocated. The Northwest and Southwestern railroad is showing a good deal of spirit in connection with projected new lines and extensions of existing lines. Should Congress put the Mexican treaty into active operation it still further stimulus would be communicated to the Texas system of roads. The Dallas News of Sunday states that last week delegates from North Texas had been in convention at Galveston in favor of extending the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe, road a road already so prosperous that its first mortgage bonds quote at 119 in New York. A connection with Kansas City and its vast railroad system is one of the objects contemplated. This is but a specimen of the movement that is becoming more striking every month. For three years Texas has shared in the general railroad lull, but not for want of previous activity, for the State has 6346 miles of main lines and 705 miles of side track, a total of 7051 miles, and yet it is to-day active and eager in discussing still further railway work. The South generally is rising up vigorously in the same direction, as the daily railroad column of the APPEAL makes evident. As the suspension of railroad building was a sort of vanguard to the setting in of the period of the depression, so we may regard the present call for more railroads and the animated discussion of new projects as messengers coming before to indicate that depression is about to give way to prosperous days and an active commerce. When the public want more railroads it is because they have products to send away and receive, making wider transportation facilities a necessity.

**ARISTOCRATIC DECADENCE.**

Events in England are becoming interesting. The Tories have found their late accession to power a brief ray of sunshine, and perhaps their last, for it looks as if Toryism would subside into a sort of aristocratic Whigism, as with us the Whigs subside into Democrats. Those who remember Daniel O'Connell, and the tide of abuse and persecution the Tories poured out upon him, must feel how just it is that the Tories should be thrust from power by Irish votes. "The mills of the gods grind slowly," but they do grind, and the destruction of Tory hopes and the disappointment of Tory ambition by Ireland's representatives is proof of it. It is expected that a new Parliament will be elected that the people may declare their will upon the great matter of granting just legislation to Ireland. The proceedings of Gladstone since Parliament met, and the grand rallying speech he made there, have brought his old supporters full of enthusiasm about him, and the new Parliament will ardently support him. There is a little of the comic among the coming and consequent incidents. The Queen read her speech to Parliament the other day, and it was full of what the Tories intended to do, which lady had to say she meant to do. "My ministers," "my army," "my ambassadors" were her agents to carry out Tory projects. When the new Parliament meets a Queen's speech will have to be made again. We may be pretty sure the Queen will not read that speech in person as she did the last; for "my policy," "the measures my ministers will lay before you," and "my unalterable resolution" about Ireland, will have an odor about them very different in the favor to the late Tory utterance from the throne. The contrast of the two Queen's speeches, with their lordly use of the possessive pronoun, will be farcical enough, and should help to show the English that, as their old countess told them, "Majesty deprived of its external—

that is, the first and the last letter forming the imperial *my* of the speech—is but a 'jest.' Another point will bear hard upon the House of Lords. To it a measure to do justice to Ireland will be a bill and a bitterness. In face of the Lords' readiness at all times to subject Ireland to coercive action, to constabulary visits, evictions, transportations and hangings, what will they be disposed to do when a bill comes before them to give Ireland satisfaction and to stop coercive legislation forever? Thus reversing the policy of hate and punishment. If they refuse to do justice and pass the bill, England and Ireland will join in ejecting them. The reign of the Lords will be over, a good thing for England. If the Lords are compelled to trample upon their own policy and pass a just Irish measure because the people will it, then the power of the House of Lords is gone forever. As soon as the democratic power of the people strikes the aristocratic rule of the Lords, that rule is destroyed. Where the two collide one is destroyed. The ousting of the Tories from power may be more profound in its results than appears at the first glance.

**VANDERBILT'S WEALTH.**

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Carrying Out Some of the Dead Millionaire's Ideas.  
New York, January 27.—The true significance of the great gift of \$250,000 to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, by Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, is just revealed. When Wm. H. Vanderbilt signed and executed his ninth will—the one admitted to probate—the fact was mentioned by his lawyer that it contained no great testamentary character. "No," said the testator, "I have not much respect for the spirit which gives money to the public in will. For a man to give away money after he has got through with it is no credit, and for him to give it to a library instead of his children is to change its direction. All that a man means to do in public charities he ought to do when he is alive and has something to part with. I mean to establish a big art museum and put \$500,000 or \$1,000,000 in it. Then I mean to leave my children enough so that they can be wisely philanthropic after I am gone."

He immediately put into operation a plan for a colossal art museum, but his wish to get the lots where the Catholic Orphan Asylum and cathedral were located were resisted by that institution, and negotiations were pending when he so suddenly died. Mrs. Sloan and other children have now taken upon themselves the burden of benevolence, and while they do not feel that the public can rightfully make any demand upon them, more than upon any other citizens, they recognize the fact that their father did not build for himself the sort of a monument he might have done, and they are consulting on what to do and how to do it.

**A QUEER STORY.**

A Young Woman Arrested for Swindling Mrs. Eads.

NEWARK, N. J., January 25.—Miss Caroline L. Metcalf, formerly of Chicago, is in custody in East Orange on a charge of defrauding Mrs. Mary Eads, the step-mother of Capt. Eads, the well-known engineer, out of \$2000. It appears that Mrs. Eads learned that Miss Metcalf was quite a successful gambler in stocks, and being favorably impressed with her business abilities, gave her various sums to invest. Mrs. Eads also allowed Miss Metcalf to take her bank book in order to deposit \$1500 alleged profits in the stock transactions. The book was returned with the proper entry, but it was subsequently pronounced a forgery. Mrs. Eads claimed that on the strength of having her bank book Miss Metcalf opened an account of \$2000, which Mrs. Eads thinks was her money. Miss Metcalf claims that she had been quite a successful gambler in stocks, and being favorably impressed with her business abilities, gave her various sums to invest. 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